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SUBJECT: FURTHER WORK ON CSCE/BELGRADE

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SUMMARY: SPURRED BY US VIEWS ON NEED FOR FURTHER PREPAR-
ATORY WORK FOR BELGRADE (REFTELS), INTERNATIONAL
STAFF (IS) HAS SUGGESTED A NATO WORK PROGRAM, THE MAIN
FEATURE OF WHICH WOULD BE A DIVISION OF WORK AMONG ALLIED
GOVERNMENTS. POLADS WILL DISCUSS THE WORK PROGRAM AT
THEIR MAY 20 MEETING. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARAS 8-11.
END SUMMARY.

1. IN RESPONSE TO THE US VIEWS CONTAINED IN THE REFTELS,
POLADS CHAIRMAN PROPOSED AT MAY 5 MEETING THAT A WORK
PROGRAM BE ESTABLISHED FOR BELGRADE PREPARATIONS. THE MOST
URGENT MATTER, HE NOTED, WAS CONSIDERATION OF PREPARATION
OF A DRAFT PAPER OR PAPERS ON THE AGENDA, OPENING DATE,
DURATION AND MODALITIES OF THE MAIN BELGRADE MEETING, FOR
POSSIBLE TABLING EARLY IN THE PREPARATORY MEETING.

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2. CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT THE NINE WERE PREPARING A DRAFT ON
THIS SUBJECT AND INQUIRED WHEN THIS PAPER MIGHT BE AVAIL-
ABLE FOR CIRCULATION AT NATO. UK REP, SPEAKING FOR THE
NINE, SAID THAT THE PAPER WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE
POLITICAL DIRECTORS OF THE NINE ON MAY 17, AND THUS IT
COULD NOT BE CIRCULATED AT NATO BEFORE THAT TIME.

HE FURTHER NOTED THAT THE NINE ARE ALSO WORKING ON DRAFT PAPERS ON THEMES AND NEW PROPOSALS, BUT COULD NOT OFFER A PREDICTION AS TO WHEN THESE MIGHT BE AVAILABLE.

3. FRG REP INDICATED THAT THE NINE'S PAPER WOULD INCORPORATE THE US SUGGESTIONS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE MAIN MEETING. IN ADDITION, HE VOLUNTEERED TO SEEK AUTHORIZATION TO CIRCULATE THE DRAFT PAPER AS AN FRG NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION AT AN EARLY DATE SO THAT NON-NINE ALLIES COULD STUDY IT IN GOOD TIME.

4. POLADS DECIDED THAT THEIR MAY 20 MEETING WOULD BE DEVOTED TO A DISCUSSION OF PREPARATORY WORK FOR BELGRADE AT WHICH THEY SHOULD DRAW UP A LIST OF SUBJECTS FOR STUDY AND DEFINE THE SUBJECTS AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE. FINALLY, THE MAY 20 MEETING SHOULD SET A TIMETABLE WITHIN WHICH THE STUDIES SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN.

5. IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAY 20 MEETING, CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED:

(A) NEW PROPOSALS;

(B) THEMES (BOTH CONCEPTS AND EASTERN OBSTACLES TO IMPLEMENTATION);

(C) WESTERN REBUTTALS OF EASTERN CRITICISMS;

(D) CULTURE AND EDUCATION (CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT THERE WAS A QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER MORE DETAILED WORK IS NEEDED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THESE AREAS OR WHETHER WORK ON THEMES, NEW PROPOSALS AND EASTERN CRITICISMS WILL COVER THE GROUND ADEQUATELY);

(E) THE ADVISABILITY OF DISCUSSING THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE AT BELGRADE.

6. CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT THE ABOVE SUBJECTS WOULD ADD UP TO A LARGE WORK LOAD AND THAT THE STUDIES WOULD NO DOUBT BE CONDUCTED ON THE BASIS OF INITIAL PAPERS CONTRIBUTED BY DELEGATIONS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE BEST APPROACH MIGHT BE TO TRY TO AGREE ON THE BASIS OF A DIVISION OF LABOR.

7. IN RESPONSE, ITALIAN REP SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE PREPARED TO DRAFT A PAPER COVERING WESTERN REBUTTALS OF EASTERN CRITICISMS.

8. COMMENT: BASED ON COMMENTS BY UK AND FRG REPS, IT APPEARS THAT THE NINE HAVE THE DRAFT PAPER ON AGENDA

AND MODALITIES FOR THE MAIN BELGRADE MEETING WELL IN HAND
AND WE WILL TRANSMIT TEXT WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.
CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION FOR A DIVISION OF LABOR ON OTHER
TOPICS MAKES SENSE TO US AND, IN VIEW OF INTERNATIONAL
STAFF'S LIMITED MANPOWER, WE BELIEVE THE MAIN DRAFTING
EFFORT WILL INEVITABLY FALL TO ALLIED CAPITALS, THOUGH
IS WILL PROBABLY BE CALLED ON TO SYNTHESIZE NATIONAL CON-
TRIBUTIONS. SINCE THE NINE'S PAPERS ON NEW PROPOSALS AND
THEMES MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SOME TIME, THE DEPARTMENT
MAY WISH TO CONSIDER TABLING PAPERS ON THESE SUBJECTS WITH

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A VIEW TO TRYING TO SHAPE ALLIED VIEWS ALONG THE LINES
OF US THINKING.

9. AS REGARDS NEW PROPOSALS, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT, IN
VIEW OF RELUCTANCE OF SUCH ALLIES AS THE UK AND
NETHERLANDS TO PARE DOWN THE LIST OF POSSIBLE NEW PRO-
POSALS IN THE ANNEX TO C-M(77)29, THAT WE INTRODUCE SPE-
CIFIC SUGGESTIONS WHICH ELABORATE ON VIEWS IN STATE
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10. AS REGARDS THEMES, SINCE THIS WAS ORIGINALLY A US
IDEA, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE US TO
INTRODUCE A DRAFT WHICH MIGHT TAKE ACCOUNT OF CANADIAN
VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT AS TRANSMITTED IN USNATO A-141 OF
MARCH 28 (NOTAL) AND USNATO A-205 OF MAY 3 (NOTAL). END
COMMENT.

11. ACTION REQUEST: GUIDANCE ON PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM,

INCLUDING INDICATION OF US READINESS TO TABLE NEW PAPERS,
IN TIME FOR MAY 20 POLADS MEETING.BENNETT

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